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TO : The President
FROM : Deputy to the President, Europe
SUBJECT: Activities of Stankievich in
Byelorussia in 1941.

I am transmitting herewith a memorandum from the Emigre Relations Advisor reporting certain information which has been given to him concerning the activities of Stankievich in Byelorussia in 1941. Stankievich is now a member of the Learned Council of the Institute. As Mr. Patch points out the information in question was furnished by a political rival of Stankievich, a circumstance which must be taken into consideration when evaluating the information. However, it seems to me that it is sufficiently detailed to justify our endeavouring to obtain such information as may be available relative to the activities of Stankievich in Byelorussia at the time in question. If during the period of the German occupation in Byelorussia Stankievich was so closely associated with the German authorities as to have been identified with them in the eyes of the Byelorussian population it would be inadvisable to have Stankievich connected with any of our activities. Consequently it would be appreciated if you could obtain for us available information concerning the activities of Stankievich in Byelorussia during the period of the German occupation.

ROBERT F. KELLEY

Encl.: - Memorandum, dated July 15, 1954, by Emigre Relations Advisor.

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